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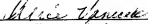
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action issued September 15, 2006, regarding the Application Ser. No. 10/613,671, filed on July 03, 2003.

REMARKS:

In the above-cited Office Action, the Examiner has communicated a restriction requirement between two inventions described as: (I) claims 1-12, drawn to a composition; and (II) claims 13-16, drawn to a process. Furthermore, the Examiner has communicated a species requirement among the medicinal agents listed in claim 12.

The applicant, through the undersigned attorney, hereby elects to prosecute invention (I) (claims 1-12), without traverse. In addition, the application hereby elects without traverse fluoride as the species of medicinal agent for claim 12. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-12 now are ready for examination on the merits.

No fee is believed to be due with this response. Should there be any unforeseen costs, please charge our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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